

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, July 28, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman, via phone
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman
Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via phone

Commissioners Jergeson and Stovall were absent and didn't leave a vote.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, via phone
Legal Division

(300) In the matter of PSC's pleading in Touch America proceeding; Commissioner Brainard moved to file objection of sale by July 31, 2003. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

BOB ROWE, Chairman

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Acting Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, July 29, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman, via phone
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner, via phone
Jay Stovall, Commissioner, via phone

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck
Utility Division

(301) In the matter of Black Hills Power - Docket D2003.7.89; On July 1, 2003, BHP filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on July 11, 2003. Requests for hearing were due by July 29, 2003. No requests have been received. This application will decrease revenues by \$7,790 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted. Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the default order. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel
Utility Division

(302) In the matter of AT&T Communications - N2003.7.92; On July 10, 2003, AT&T filed Tariff Transmittal 2003-12. In this filing AT&T is revising language and rates pertaining to AT&T Digital Link service. Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the revision. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(303) In the matter of T-03.36.RI; On June 13, 2003 Montana Tariff Bureau, as agent and on behalf of Montana intrastate household goods carriers) applied for a general rate increase in Household Goods Tariff No. 1 of between 0 and 4.76 percent. This increase was noticed to the public on June 24, 2003 and no protests were received. These rate increases apply on the movement of household goods point to point within Montana. Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the rate increase. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(304) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of July 21, 2003. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, via phone

(305) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Implementation of Rules for House Bills 641 and 580; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a notice on rulemaking . Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Lee

(306) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of QLD's Initial Tariff and Price List – D2002.12.153; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant motion for reconsideration. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners Stovall, Rowe and Schneider voted aye. Commissioners Brainard and Jergeson dissented.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney, Dave Burchett

(307) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Northwestern Energy Monitor Maintenance; Commissioner Rowe moved to request Northwestern Energy to provide monthly update of monies actually spent correlated back to your March 12, 2003, Maintenance Plan and Budget Compliance Report. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, via phone

(308) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest/PSC Investigation of Qwest's Rates & Terms of Service – D2003.2.22; Commissioner Rowe moved to go to court and ask Qwest to be able to comply with the order. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

BOB ROWE, Chairman

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Purcell
Acting Commission Secretary

(SEAL)